By the King.

A Proclamation againſt Steelets, Pocket Daggers, *Pocket Dagges and Piſtols.*

THe loue and care Wee haue towards the preſeruation of Our Subiects, and the keeping of Our Lande from being polluted with blood; doth make Us ſtriue with the euill humors and depraued cuſtomes of the times, to reforme and ſuppreſſe them by Our Princely policy and Juſtice; To which end and purpoſe, we haue by the ſeueritie of Our Edict, (proceeding from Our owne pen, and by the exemplar cenſure and Decrees of Our Court of Starre-Chamber) put downe, and in good part maſtered that audacious cuſtome of Duelles and Challenges, and haue likewiſe by a Statute made in Our time, taken away the benefit of Clergie in caſe of Stabbing, and the like odious Man-ſlaughters:

Wherefore it being alwayes the more principall in Our intention to preuent, then to puniſh, being giuen to vnderſtand of the vſe of Steelets, pocket Daggers, and pocket Dags and Piſtols, which are weapons vtterly vnſeruiceable for defence, Militarie practiſe, or other lawfull vſe, but odious, and noted Inſtruments of murther, and miſchiefe; We doe ſtraightly will and command all perſons whatſoeuer, that they doe not hencefoorth preſume to weare or carie about them any ſuch Steelet or pocket Dagger, pocket Dagge or Piſtoll, vpon paine of Our Princely Indignation and diſpleaſure, Impriſonment and Cenſure in the Starre-Chamber; And we doe likewiſe ſtraightly forbid vpon like paine all Cutlers, or other perſon, to make or ſell any of the ſaid Steelets, pocket Daggers, pocket Dagges or Piſtols.

Giuen at White-Hall, the 25. day of March, in the fourteenth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the nine and fourtieth.

God ſaue the King

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